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## PRESS RELEASE

### Historic Columbia Announces October 2018 Events and Tours

COLUMBIA, S.C., Thursday, September 27, 2018 – October 2018 is full of Halloween fun with community favorites such as the annual [Scarecrows in the Gardens Exhibit](#), [Spirits Alive! Cemetery Tours](#) and [Trunk or Treat](#); as well as monthly events such as [Second Sunday Stroll](#) and [Research Roundtable](#). Plus, [Yoga in The Gardens](#), [Preservation Workshop](#) and [Food Trucks in the Gardens](#) return! Below is a full list of Historic Columbia's October events. Visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org) for more information.

#### **CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS:**

##### **Scarecrows in the Garden**

*Oct. 2 - 31 / Tues. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sun. 1 – 5 p.m. / Gardens of the Robert Mills House*  
During the month of October, scarecrows will take over the Gardens of the Robert Mills House during [Scarecrows in the Garden](#)! This free outdoor exhibit features handcrafted scarecrows made by local artists, families, business, organizations and classrooms. On a stroll through the gardens this October, you'll see dozens of ghoulish, historic and colorful scarecrows. Keep an eye out for "Sneaky Steve," a mischievous scarecrow hiding somewhere on the grounds in a new location each week. This exhibit is free and open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 – 5 p.m. For more information, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org), or call (803) 252-1770 x 23.

##### **Storytime in the Gardens**

*Thursday, Oct. 4 / 4 – 5 p.m. / Gardens of the Robert Mills House*  
Join Historic Columbia and Richland County Public Library for a special outdoor [Storytime in the Gardens](#)! Enjoy stories and songs among the [scarecrows](#) of the [Robert Mills House](#). In addition, participate in historic games in the gardens. This event is free and open to children of all ages. For more information, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), call (803) 252-1770 x 26 or email [education@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:education@historiccolumbia.org).

##### **Homeschool Friday | Main Street Tour**

*Friday, Oct. 5 / 10 – 11:30 a.m. / State House Grounds*  
How has the appearance of Columbia changed over time? Today, Main Street shows more than 150 years of architectural trends. Join Historic Columbia for from 10 – 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 for [Homeschool Friday | Main Street Tour](#) to learn about the city's oldest "skyscraper," the State Capital, and the numerous historic buildings that line the street. Homeschool Friday programs are designed for students of elementary and middle school age levels and is open to families and homeschool groups of less than 10 students. This program will begin on the Statehouse Grounds near the statue of George Washington. To register, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), call (803) 252-1770 x 26 or email [education@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:education@historiccolumbia.org).

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### **Spirits Alive!**

*Thursday, Oct. 11 | 6 - 9:30 p.m. | Elmwood Cemetery*

Grab your flashlights and join Historic Columbia at [Spirits Alive! Cemetery Tours](#), guided tours that explore Columbia's eerie and peculiar past by the light of the moon! These special tours feature costumed tour guides, snacks and other Halloween-related activities. Tickets are \$8/adults and \$4/youth for members and \$12/adult and \$6/youth for non-members. To purchase tickets, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org), or call (803) 252-1770 x 23.

### **Historic Happy Hour | Yoga in the Gardens**

*Friday, Oct. 12 | 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Gardens of the Robert Mills House*

Wind down and find your inner Zen at [Yoga in the Gardens!](#) [Good Company Yoga](#) will lead an outdoor class in the serene landscapes of the [Robert Mills House & Gardens](#). Stay hydrated with cold beer (during your practice, if you'd like!) and enjoy some light refreshments. The fresh air and easy pace of this event is the perfect break in today's fast-paced world! This event will take place from 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 at the Robert Mills House & Gardens, located at 1616 Blanding Street. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Drinks and snacks included in ticket price. Participants must be 21 or older. Please bring your own yoga mat. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), call (803) 252-1770 x 23 or email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org).

### **Preservation Workshop| Restoring Historic Windows**

*Saturday, Oct. 13| 10 a.m.- noon| Thompson Cottage, 1627 Richland Street*

Join Historic Columbia and Vintage Window Repair for a hands-on window [Preservation Workshop](#) at the Thompson Cottage from 10 a.m. - noon on Saturday, October 13. The workshop, led by Sean Stucker, director of facilities at Historic Columbia, and Staci Rachee, owner and operator of Vintage WR, will begin with an instructional discussion exploring reasons to restore historic windows and techniques for doing so. Participants will have the chance to learn techniques to use in the hands-on portion of the workshop. Light breakfast is included. Tools and protective gear will be provided. The workshop will take place at the Thompson Cottage located at 1627 Richland St. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. To purchase tickets, visit [HistoricColumbia.org](http://HistoricColumbia.org), email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org) or call (803) 252-1770 x 23.

### **Second Sunday Stroll | Cottontown**

*Sunday, Oct. 14 | 2 - 3:30 p.m. | Tour begins at Melrose Park*

Explore Cottontown with Historic Columbia on Sunday, October 14 for [Second Sunday Stroll](#) presented by [Seed Architecture](#). Established in the late 1890s, Cottontown is listed as part of the "Bellevue Historic District" in the National Register of Historic Places and is protected as an architectural conservation district by the City of Columbia. Bounded by Grace Avenue, Bull Street, Elmwood Avenue and Main Street, the neighborhood is remarkable as an intact example of one of Columbia's earliest planned suburbs. The tour will meet and begin at the North Columbia Fire Station No. 7 located at 2622 North Main Street. Space is limited. Tickets are \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members and free for all youth under 17. To purchase tickets, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), call (803) 252-1770 x 23 or email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org).

### **Dollar Sunday | Hampton-Preston Mansion**

*Sunday, Oct. 15 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Hampton-Preston Mansion*

On Sunday, Oct. 21, residents of Richland and Lexington counties can visit the site for just \$1! The tour will be available at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Gift Shop at Robert Mills, located at 1616 Blanding Street. General admission prices apply for any house tours after the first. For information, visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org), call (803) 252-1770 x 23 or email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org).

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### **[Food Trucks in the Gardens](#)**

*Tuesday, Oct. 23 | 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Gardens of the Robert Mills House*

Bring your appetite and join Historic Columbia for [Food Trucks in the Gardens](#)! Food trucks will be stationed outside the [Robert Mills House](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tables and chairs will be set up throughout the gardens - making this the perfect opportunity to spend your lunch break enjoying delicious food and the scenic views of our historic gardens! Visit [HistoricColumbia.org](#) to learn more.

### **[Research Roundtable | Devine Street](#)**

*Tuesday, Oct. 23 | 12 – 1 p.m. | Seibels House*

Learn more about Historic Columbia's research initiatives at this month's [Research Roundtable | Devine Street](#). Once the heart of the original Shandon neighborhood, Devine Street has since undergone several transformations (including a name change) to become a major corridor of commerce and recreation. One hundred and twenty years ago, Devine Street was considered prime residential real estate due to its newly installed street car line and proximity to a casino, where local citizens held dances regularly. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch to this program. This event is free for Historic Columbia members and \$5 for non-members. Visit [HistoricColumbia.org](#) to register.

### **[On the Table | Lunch & Conversation](#)**

*Wednesday, Oct. 24 | 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Seibels House*

Join Historic Columbia and [Cola Gives](#) for an [On The Table](#) lunch and conversation from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Seibels House & Garden. This event, one of many mealtime gatherings taking place across the region as part of the [On the Table](#) initiative, will be a forum to gather with neighbors and talk about the issues – big and small – that impact our collective quality of life. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited. [Click here](#) to register.

### **[Trunk or Treat](#)**

*Friday, Oct. 26 | 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Robert Mills House & Gardens*

Put on your costume and join Historic Columbia as we bring the fun of Halloween to the Robert Mills House & Gardens during our annual [Trunk or Treat](#) from 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26! This free event will allow children the opportunity to trick-or-treat in a safe and fun environment – filled with decorated trunks filled with candy on the grounds of the Robert Mills House & Gardens. Awards and prizes for best costumes, best decorated trunk, and scarecrows will be given at 6:45 p.m. Don't forget to visit the [Gift Shop at Robert Mills](#) during this free event! To learn more, visit [HistoricColumbia.org](#), email [education@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:education@historiccolumbia.org) or call (803) 252-1770 x 26.

### **[Holiday Greenery Sale Deadline](#)**

*Sales end Oct. 26 | Pick-up at the Robert Mills Carriage House*

Historic Columbia, in partnership with the Palmetto Garden Club, is pleased to present the [2018 Holiday Greenery Sale](#). The sale features fresh, high-quality wreaths, garlands, topiaries and kissing balls from North Carolina, as well as Poinsettias, bulbs, pecans and other garden items for your holiday decorating and gift giving season. All orders must be placed at [ShopHistoricColumbia.org](#) through Friday, October 26. Orders will be available for pick up from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26 at the Robert Mills Carriage House. All proceeds from the sale will support the restoration and maintenance of the gardens at Historic Columbia. Visit [ShopHistoricColumbia.org](#) to place your order today! For more information, visit [historiccolumbia.org](#) or contact Liv Miller at (803) 252-1770 x 33.

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**DAILY TOURS:**

**Historic House Museum Tours**

*Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. / Gift Shop at Robert Mills*

Historic Columbia's historic house museum tours offer a peek into the past! Tour the [Robert Mills House & Gardens](#), [Hampton-Preston Mansion & Gardens](#), [Mann-Simons Site](#) or the [Woodrow Wilson Family Home](#) to learn more about Columbia's history. Tours are free for members, \$8 for adults, \$5 youth (ages 6-17) and free for children under 5. Visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org) for more information.

**Vista Walking Tours**

*Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. / Visitors Center*

Historic Columbia is proud to partner with Experience Columbia to offer [guided walking tours](#) of Columbia's Vista district. Start your tour at the new Visitors Center at the corner of Gervais and Lincoln streets and follow our experienced guides to learn more about the fascinating history of this dynamic Columbia district. Bounded by the Congaree River to the west and Assembly Street to the east, this historic district features a great collection of historic buildings, many of which have benefited from adaptive use over the years. These tours will offer a glimpse into the district's past, present and future. Tours are \$10 for adults and \$7 for youth. All tours begin at the Visitors Center, located at 1120 Lincoln Street.

**Group Tours**

Historic Columbia is happy to arrange a private guided tour for groups of 10 or more with advance registration. Bus tours are available. To schedule a [group tour](#), call (803) 252-1770 x 23 or email [reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org).

**About Historic Columbia:**

In November 1961, a small group of individuals intent on saving the Ainsley Hall House from demolition officially incorporated as the Historic Columbia Foundation. Over the next five decades the organization, which was founded on the premise of preservation and education, would take on the stewardship of seven historic properties in Richland County. Today, the organization serves as a model for local preservation efforts and interpretation of local history. Visit [historiccolumbia.org](http://historiccolumbia.org) or find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#) for more details.

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